

Federal and State water quality standards. CASA also has provided the legal, legislative, and administrative support for the publicly owned treatment work community and helped set the precedent for ensuring clean and safe water for all Californians. Over the years, I have come to value CASA's insight and suggestions for improving our Nation's water quality.

Today I celebrate 50 years of CASA's devoted service and contributions to our Nation, and call upon CASA to continue to lead the way in its innovative and cooperative stewardship of our Nation's complex and growing waterways. Water quality is imperative to the development and welfare of my State and the Nation, and I thank CASA for its continued effort and contributions to the cause.●

HONORING CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend Centennial High School in Howard County, MD, for its fine performance on this year's "It's Academic" quiz show. After many hours of practice and four rounds of competition, Centennial has emerged as the 2004-2005 Baltimore-area "It's Academic" champion.

The team of Jeff Amoros, Michael Fasulo, Marin Lolic, and Seth Manoff, with the assistance of their coach John Cheek, took first place out of 81 teams that competed from both public and private schools across the State of Maryland. In its final match, Centennial defeated two formidable foes in Calvert Hall College High School and Oakland Mills High School.

"It's Academic", which is telecast every Saturday morning during the school year on WJZ-TV, channel 13, has been quizzing Maryland students since 1961. In fact, according to the "2005 Guinness Book of World Records", it is the world's longest running quiz show. For Maryland students, "It's Academic" provides an opportunity to challenge not only their own knowledge of math, science, literature, government and history, but also how their knowledge stacks up against students around the State. This year, Centennial's team demonstrated enormous skill and erudition. Congratulations to Jeff, Michael, Marin, Seth and Coach Cheek on a wonderful accomplishment.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 19, 2005, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3332. An act to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century.

Under the authority of the order of July 19, 2005, the enrolled bill was signed on July 19, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Majority Leader (Mr. FRIST).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 175. Concurrent resolution acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 5(a)(2) of the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), and the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission: Mr. CASTLE of Delaware.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 175. Concurrent resolution acknowledging African descendants of the transatlantic slave trade in all of the Americas with an emphasis on descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean, recognizing the injustices suffered by these African descendants, and recommending that the United States and the international community work to improve the situation of Afro-descendant communities in Latin America and the Caribbean; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3090. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to provisions of Sections 563 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2005, as they relate to restrictions on assistance to the central government of Serbia; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3091. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, the report of a proposed amendment to the Iran Non-proliferation Act of 2000, received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3092. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to authorizing the drawdown of up to \$6.0 million of Department of Defense commodities and services, including the airlift of troops and equipment, as part of the mission to support the deployment of AU forces to Darfur, Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3093. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment in the amount of \$40,000,000 to Australia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3094. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more to Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3095. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report involving exports to Mexico; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3096. A communication from the Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report that funding for the State of Rhode Island as a result of the record snow on January 22-23, 2005, has exceeded \$5,000,000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3097. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Form S-8, Form 8-K, and Form 20-F by Shell Companies" (33-8587) received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3098. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal from Listing and Registration of Securities Pursuant to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934" received on July 18, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3099. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2004